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SUBJECT: WAREHOUSE BUILDING, SEAFRON COMPOUND

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(2) DEPARTMENT'S 192183

REQUEST FUNDING IN AMOUNT \$68,700 FOR REPLACEMENT STRUCTURES
TOTALLING APPROXIMATELY 12,700 SQ FT. TO COMPENSATE FOR LOSSES
OF WAREHOUSE AND MOTOR POOL SPACE SUSTAINED IN RECENT SEAFRONT FIRE
AS FOLLOWS:

1. EMBASSY HAS OBTAINED COST ESTIMATE OF \$39,500 FOR BASIC
CONCRETE/CINDERBLOCK BUILDING MEASURING 40 X 90 FT. ESTIMATE,
PROVIDED BY CONTRACTOR WHO BUILT SEAFRONT APARTMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY

OFFICE BUILDING, BELIEVED TO BE FAIR AND ACCURATE ALTHOUGH SUBJECT
TO FURTHER NEGOTIATION. THIS STRUCTURE WOULD LEND ITSELF TO AIR
CONDITIONING AND SERVE TO WAREHOUSE SOFT FURNISHINGS, OFFICE
MACHINES AND OTHER VALUABLE SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT SUBJECT TO RAPID
DETERIORATION IN MANILA'S CLIMATE. COST OF ELECTRICAL WIRING AND
AIR-CONDITIONING WOULD NOT EXCEED \$10,000.

2. PURSUANT TO REFTELS, AFTER EXHAUSTIVE SEARCH OF EA AREA
EMBASSY HAS SUCCEEDED IN LOCATING TWO PASCOE BUILDINGS IN GOOD
CONDITION MEASURING APPROX. 40 X 90 FT AND 60 X 90 FT. (THE LARGER,
A THREE-UNIT MODULAR BUILDING) FORMERLY USG PROPERTY NOW PROPERTY OF
GOVERNMENT OF VIETNAM. BOTH ARE LOCATED A SHORT DISTANCE FROM SAIGON.
GOV HAS EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS TO DONATE BUILDINGS TO EMBASSY AT NO
COST. DISMANTLING AND TRANSPORTATION TO SAIGON PORT WOULD BE ACCOM-
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PLISHED BY ARVN CORPS OF ENGINEERS AT COST OF APPROX. \$8,000. POE

EXIT HANDLING AND OCEAN FREIGHT TO MANILA ESTIMATED \$1,400. MANILA
PORT HANDLING CHARGES ESTIMATED \$800. COST OF ERECTION EST. \$8,000.
TOTAL COST BOTH PASCOE BUILDINGS ERECTED SEAFRONT ESTIMATED \$19,200.
EMBASSY MUST ACT PROMPTLY AS OTHER ACTIVITIES HAVE EXPRESSED AN
INTEREST IN THESE BUILDINGS.

3. THIS PROPOSAL BELIEVED TO BE MOST ECONOMICAL APPROACH TO
PROVIDE NEEDED WAREHOUSE SPACE AS COMPARED TO ESTIMATES RANGING
\$150,000 UPWARD FOR SINGLE NEW BUILDING. ALL ABOVE STRUCTURES WOULD
BE ERECTED OVER EXISTING CONCRETE SLABS. WOULD APPRECIATE AN IMME-
DIATE ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR THESE STRUCTURES. UPON RECEIPT EMBASSY
WILL DEVELOP MORE DETAILED PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS OF CINDERBLOCK
BUILDING FOR SUBMISSION TO DEPARTMENT.

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